

# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT 7400 LEAKE AVE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70118-3651

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Regulatory Division
Western Evaluation Branch

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Application #: MVN-2020-01170 WKK

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [ ] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [ X ] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344), and/or [ ] Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. Section 408).

# BORROW PITS, ACCESS ROAD, AND CULVERTS IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Reliable Production Services, L.L.C., c/o: T. Baker Smith, L.L.C., Post Office Box 2266, Houma, Louisiana 70361.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Located in Pointe Coupee Parish, located off Highway 190 and Little Italy Road, near the community of Livonia, Louisiana, (Latitude North: 30.549314°N, Longitude West: -91.481956°W), as shown within the enclosed drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08070300, Terrebonne Basin).

CHARACTER OF WORK: Work consists of excavating approximately 936,695 cubic yards of earthen fill material for the creation of four borrow pits, placing approximately 890 cubic yards of earthen fill material and 270 cubic yards of aggregate fill material to install a 20-foot wide by 2,160-foot long access road, and installing three 30-foot long 18-inch diameter culverts. The project purpose is to access and supply material to the existing facility. Approximately 3.68 acres of forested wetlands, 1.75 acres of emergent wetlands, 1.95 acres of non-jurisdictional emergent wetlands, and 0.04 of an acre of non-wetland waters would be permanently impacted and 0.20 of an acre of non-wetland waters would be temporarily impacted via project implementation. If a Department of the Army permit is warranted, the applicant has proposed to mitigate unavoidable wetlands impacts at an approved and acceptable mitigation bank within the N.O. District.

The comment period on the requested Department of the Army Permit will close **20 days** from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGW, "Sara Fortuna". Individuals or parties may also request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by mail or preferably by emailing the specified project manager listed above. Any request for an extension of time to comment must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Branch Chief will review the request and the requester will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous and inclusive of the initial comment period and will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. This public notice is also available for review online at https://go.usa.gov/xennJ

#### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is presently unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places at or near the proposed work but is pending further review in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project would have no effect to any listed species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of <u>N/A</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

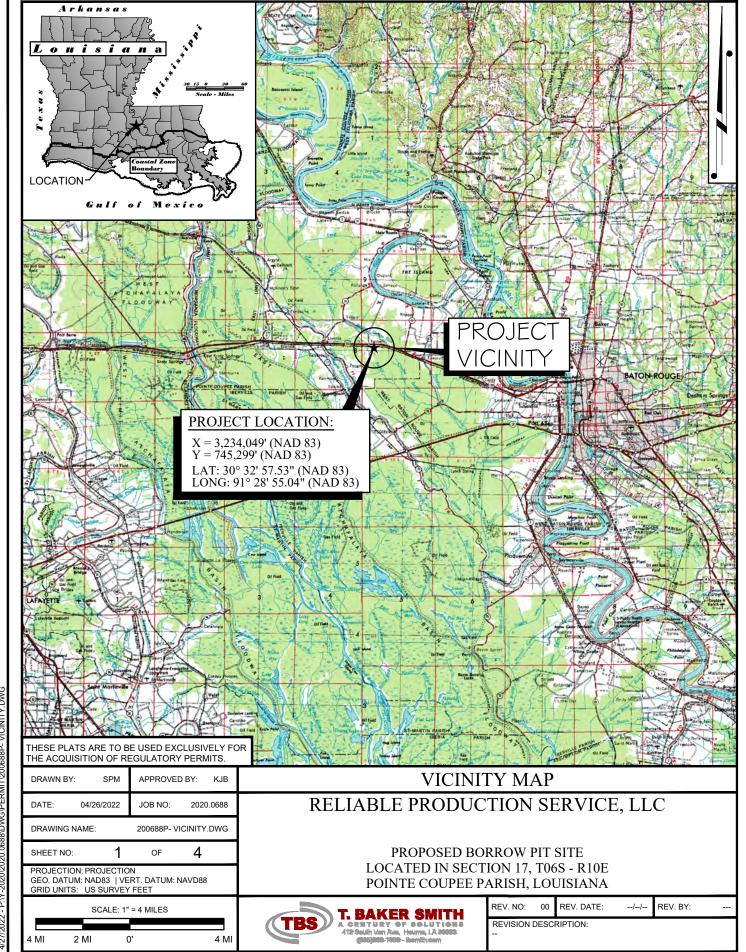
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality before a Department of the Army permit could be issued.

Any person may request within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing, and can be <u>preferably</u> emailed to the USACE project manager listed above or mailed to the address listed above.

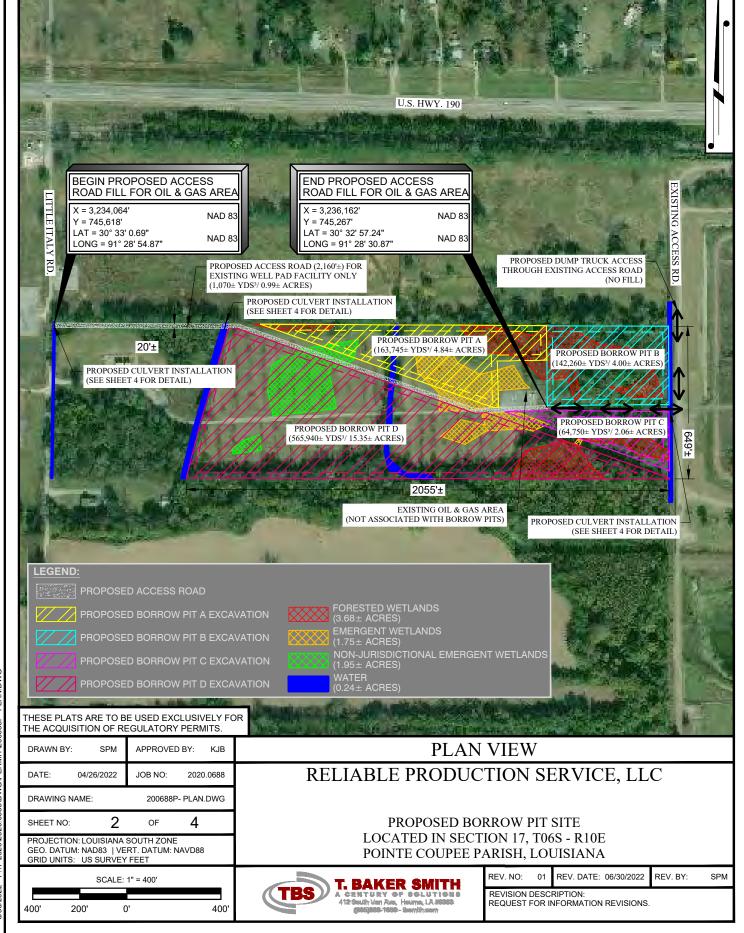
You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell S. Barbara Chief, Western Evaluation Branch Regulatory Division

**Enclosures** 



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NATURAL GROUND

REV. BY:

REV. DATE:

PROPOSED BORROW PIT EXCAVATIONS  $(936,695 \pm YDS^{3}/26.25 \pm ACRES)$ 

**EXCAVATION PIT DETAIL** 



APPROXIMATELY 90 $\pm$  YDS³/ 0.03 $\pm$  ACRES OF IMPACTS TO OCCUR DUE TO CULVERT INSTALLATIONS.

### **CULVERT DETAIL**

#### NOTES:

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.

LIMITED SURVEY DATA WAS COLLECTED IN THE PREPARATION OF THESE PLANS. INFORMATION USED TO PREPARE THESE PLANS WAS GATHERED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES, EXISTING SURVEY/DATABASE DATA, CLIENT INFORMATION, INTERNET OR GOVERNMENT WEB SITE DATA.

#### TOTAL IMPACTS

#### EXCAVATIONS

NON-VEGETATED 9,250 CU. YDS. WATER BOTTOMS: 0.23 ACS.

WETLANDS: 291,070 CU. YDS.

7.22 ACS.

UPLANDS: 636,375 CU. YDS.

18.80 ACS.

FILL AREAS

NON-VEGETATED 100 CU. YDS. WATER BOTTOMS: 0.04 ACS.

WETLANDS: 180 CU. YDS.

0.16 ACS.

UPLANDS: 880 CU. YDS.

0.82 ACS.

#### FILL MATERIALS

EARTHEN FILL MATERIAL: 890 CU. YDS. AGGREGATE FILL MATERIAL: 270 CU. YDS.

# WETLAND VEGETATION TO BE IMPACTED

FORESTED WETLANDS:  $3.68\pm$  ACS. EMERGENT WETLANDS:  $3.70\pm$  ACS.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Excavators

Wheeled Vehicles

THESE PLATS ARE TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REGULATORY PERMITS.

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DATE:	04/26/2022	JOB NO:	2020	.0688
DRAWING NAME:		200688P- PLAN.DWG		
SHEET NO:	4	OF	4	
PROJECTION: LOUISIANA SOUTH ZONE GEO. DATUM: NAD83   VERT. DATUM: NAVD88 GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET				

### DETAIL & NOTES

## RELIABLE PRODUCTION SERVICE, LLC

PROPOSED BORROW PIT SITE LOCATED IN SECTION 17, T06S - R10E POINTE COUPEE PARISH, LOUISIANA



REV. NO: 01 RI

REV. DATE: 06/30/2022

REV. BY:

: SPM

NOT TO SCALE

REVISION DESCRIPTION: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REVISIONS.